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“Donahue Show” comes to POD

“Donahue” will be hosting a special edition of his show during the POD conference on November 1-4 at Granlibakken, an Alpine-style resort on the shore of Lake Tahoe. The show’s topic will be “hot issues” in faculty development.

“Donahue’s” guests will be POD veteran and former Executive Director, Marilla Svinicki, along with other surprise guests to be announced later.

“Donahue,” true to form, will run around the audience to get your opinions on the topic.

POD’s “Donahue,” is Martin Nemko, popular speaker and consultant to instructional and faculty development programs, and author of How to Get an Ivy League Education at a State University (the only college guide to receive an “A” rating from Changing Times Magazine). Marty also produces and hosts “School Talk,” a weekly show on national public radio in the Bay Area. Marty will “emcee” a POD version of the Donahue show, so don’t miss your chance to be in the audience for this unique event!

And that’s not all. We have two outstanding keynote speakers and a distinguished guest, Professor Wilbert (Bill) McKeachie, lined up to stimulate our conversation.

> **Jack Schuster** is head of the Graduate Program in Higher Education at the Claremont Graduate School and editor with Dan Wheeler and Associates of the recently published Jossey-Bass collection, Enhancing Faculty Careers. Jack co-authored (with Howard R. Bowen) of American Professors: A National Resource Imperiled, and is well known for his work in education and public policy. His diverse background includes degrees in history, law, political science, and higher education. Jack will keynote our Friday sessions on the theme “Developing Our Profession.”

> **Joan North**, was POD’s first “coordinator” and is currently Dean of Professional Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Joan spent five years as organizational and professional development consultant to the Small College Consortium (a group of 50 colleges) and is now in her fifth year as Dean. A self-described “recovering Type-A personality,” Joan will talk with us about wellness. Her undergraduate course in stress management has increased her

awareness of the role stress plays in our daily lives, and is just how addictive it is. Joan will keynote our Saturday sessions on the theme “Developing Ourselves.”

> **Bill McKeachie**, is Director of the Center for Research on Learning and Teaching at the University of Michigan, and Associate Director of Michigan’s national Center for Research to Improve Postsecondary Teaching and Learning (NCRIPTAL). Bill is the sage and practical author of Teaching Tips: A Guidebook for the Beginning College Teacher (now in its eighth edition). He has served as President of the American Psychological Association and the American Association for Higher Education. Bill is our special guest at the conference, and will conduct a workshop on the “Motivated Student Learning Questionnaire.” He will also be available for informal conversations and will help us wrap up the conference Sunday morning.

Our theme is **Developing Our Profession and Ourselves**. Our setting, choice of speakers and preconference workshops, request for proposals and new presentation formats combine growth with a renewed commitment to the traditional POD values of networking, mutual support, and interactive learning.

Our five preconference workshops are described in the enclosed registration materials. Register early and be sure to line up a roommate since on-site lodging is scarcer than usual this year. **Questions on registration or lodging?** Call **Winnie Anderson** at (916) 752-6050.

For more on the **conference theme**, take a look at **Marilyn Leach’s** earthy and elegant request for proposals which explains our vision of the conference. We’ll mail you a preliminary conference program this summer with more details.

Want to help with the conference? Call conference coordinator **Joanne Kurfiss**, (408) 554-4769 to volunteer. And register early!